(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (e) Gas Authority of India had prepared a report for an integrated gas grid in Assam, including a pipeline upto Guwahati. Subsequently, after discussions with Government of Assam, it was agreed that the pipeline could be terminated at Jorhat. Government of Assam have requested that the pipeline be constructed by Assam Gas Co. on its own or in a joint venture with GAIL Government of India had suggested that while GAIL could construct a trunk pipeline, Assam Gas Co. could undertake the marketing of the gas and construction of distribution lines. This would be in keeping with the policy of central public sector undertaking construction trunk pipelines, and would also ensure effective implementation of the project by way of a reasonable division of the work.

Increase in the number of vehicles

3451. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the increase in the number (not percentage) of Two wheelers, Three wheelers and passenger cars in 1987 as compared to 1986; and

(b) what is likely to be the position with regard to the increase in the numbers of such vehicles in 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The comparative figures are given below:

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (Apr-Jan)
Passenger cars	1,02,804	1.24,694	1,26,388
Two-wheelers	11,83,565	13,87,403	11,13,197
Three-wheelers	49,947	54,550	51,983

(b) The Sub-Group on Automobiles and Earth-moving Industry for VIIth Plan has assessed the demand for these vehicles for 1988-89 as under:

Passenger cars . . .	1,35000 Nos.
Two-wheelers . . .	16,60,000 ,,
Three-wheelers . . .	72,000 ,,

मारुति कारों की ऊंची कीमतें

3452. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान, मार्च, 1988 के "इकोनोमिक टाइम्स" में "मारुति प्राइसेज हाई" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगलराव) : (क) सरकार ने उक्त समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित "मारुति प्राइसेज हाईक्ड" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत एक समाचार देखा है ।

(ख) 29-2-1988 को बजट भाषण में उत्पाद शुल्क पर 5 प्रतिशत अधिभार घोषित किये जाने के परिणामस्वरूप 1-3-1988 से मारुति वाहनों के मूल्य में वृद्धि कर दी गई थी ।

Honey producing districts of Orissa

3453. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of honey producing districts of Orissa;

(b) whether Government have provided any financial assistance for the development of honey production in the hilly district of Mayurbhanj;